

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 658

Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi

February 25, 2009

An act to amend Section 41999 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to air quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 658, as introduced, Hayashi. Air quality: dry cleaning: grants.

Existing law requires the State Air Resources Board to develop and establish a grant program that provides incentives for dry cleaners in the state that utilize perchloroethylene in their operations to transition to utilizing dry cleaning systems determined by the state board, in consultation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and any other entity the state board deems appropriate, to be nontoxic and nonsmog-forming. Existing law requires the state board to make grants available in the amount of \$10,000 to any eligible dry cleaning operation for the purchase of a professional dry cleaning system that uses a nontoxic and nonsmog-forming process, as specified.

This bill would increase the amount of each grant to \$20,000.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 41999 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:

1 41999. (a) The state board shall develop and establish a grant
2 program that provides incentives for dry cleaners in the state that
3 utilize perchloroethylene in their operations to transition to utilizing
4 dry cleaning systems determined by the state board, in consultation
5 with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the
6 State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Toxic
7 Substances Control, and any other entity the state board determines
8 to be appropriate, to be nontoxic and nonsmog-forming.

9 (b) To be eligible for a grant pursuant to this section, applicants
10 shall completely replace their ~~perchloroethylene-based~~
11 *perchloroethylene-based* dry cleaning system with a system that
12 the state board, in consultation with the Office of Environmental
13 Health Hazard Assessment, the State Water Resources Control
14 Board, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and any other
15 entity the state board determines to be appropriate, has determined
16 to be nontoxic and nonsmog-forming. The state board shall
17 determine the eligibility of grant recipients.

18 (c) The state board shall make grants available in the amount
19 of ~~ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)~~ *twenty thousand dollars*
20 *(\$20,000)* to any eligible dry cleaning operation for the purchase
21 of a professional dry cleaning system that uses a nontoxic and
22 nonsmog-forming process, as determined by the state board, in
23 consultation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard
24 Assessment, the State Water Resources Control Board, the
25 Department of Toxic Substances Control, and any other entity the
26 state board determines to be appropriate.

27 (d) The state board shall ensure that at least 50 percent of the
28 grant moneys provided pursuant to this section are awarded in a
29 manner that directly reduces air contaminants or reduces the public
30 health risk associated with air contaminants in communities with
31 the most significant exposure to air contaminants or localized air
32 contaminants, or both, including, but not limited to, communities
33 of minority populations or low-income populations, or both.

34 (e) Commencing January 1, 2007, and every three years
35 thereafter, the state board shall provide a report to the Legislature
36 evaluating effectiveness of the grant program.

37 (f) The state board shall establish a demonstration program to
38 showcase professional nontoxic and nonsmog forming dry cleaning
39 technologies in the state. The demonstration program shall require
40 50 percent matching funds to cover the costs of the demonstration

1 program. Any entity may contribute monies as matching funds,
2 including, but not limited to, a state or federal agency, an air
3 pollution control district or air quality management district, a public
4 utility district, or a nonprofit entity. Not more than 30 percent of
5 the funds deposited annually in the Nontoxic Dry Cleaning
6 Incentive Trust Fund may be used for the demonstration program.

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